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Letter from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India to His Highness the Mah raja of Mysore.

It is with sincere gratification that I inform Your Highness that I received Her Majesty's commands to acknowledge the receipt of the friendly letter and the other tokens of your good will which you lately forwarded by the hands of Dr Campbell. The assurances of Your Highness's friendship are very welcome to Her Majesty, who can receive no such precious gifts from the Princes and Chiefs of India as the good words which they send to Her from their distant homes.

From Your Highness these good words are especially gratifying. For more than sixty years you have been the faithful ally of the British Government who felt assured, when trouble recently overtook them, that as Your Highness was the oldest so would you be the stauchest of their friends, if evil and misguided men should seek to sow sedition in Your Highness's Country. By the blessing of God the Southern Peninsula of India remained undisturbed, but Your Highness nevertheless was enabled to contribute to the success of British arms by the assistance which you rendered to the passage of Her Majesty's troops towards the disturbed Districts, whilest by your personal bearing in this critical juncture, you encouraged and sustained the loyalty of your subjects and helped to preserve the tranquility of the Country.

I am commanded by Her Majesty to send to Your Highness, under charge of Dr. Campbell, a few specimens of the manufactures of Great Britain and other articles of which Her Majesty requests your acceptance as token of Her friendship and esteem.

I must not conclude this letter without thanking Your Highness for the kind communication which you addressed to myself and assuring you of the very great respect and consideration with which I subscribe myself.